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Page 14, line 23, between "is" and "about" delete --of--.

## In the Claims:

- 1. (Amended) A sole for use in an article of footwear in proximity to a plantar surface of a foot, said sole having a resiliency index in the range from about .05 to about .5, the resiliency index being defined as a ratio (R-M)/(P-M), wherein P is a thickness measured when only a pre-load is applied, M is a thickness measured when both the pre-load and a main load are applied, and R is the maximum recovered thickness within one second immediately following removal of the main load.
- 9. (Amended) An article of footwear including a sole in proximity of a foot receiving surface of said article of footwear, said sole having a resiliency index in the range from about .05 to about .5, the resiliency index being defined as a ratio (R-M)/(P-M), wherein P is a thickness measured when only a pre-load is applied, M is a thickness measured when both the pre-load and a main load are applied, and R is the maximum recovered thickness within one second immediately following removal of the main load.

Claim 18, line 2, replace "in" with --from--.

## REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in this application, with claims 1 and 9 being independent.

The specification has been amended to correct minor typographical errors. No new matter has been added.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the interview granted to the undersigned attorney on March 5, 1998. As discussed at the interview, claims 1, 9 and 18 have been amended in response